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Tipp City Fire & Emergency Services is an organization with a rich and proud history. At the sound of the bell, siren, or radio dispatch alert, emergency responders move with a purpose. The response is quick and efficient and concentrated on serving the needs of our city. Throughout the more than 140 years of service to the community, the sacrifices made by the emergency responders and their families in serving the community are too numerous to mention, but should never be forgotten.

Tipp City's First Bucket Brigade was organized in 1872. Tipp City's first bucket brigade consisted of fifty leather buckets, six hooks and ladders and six fire extinguishers. Two years later, in 1874, after several disastrous fires, a fully organized department was formed, equipment purchased and plans for an engine house made (the old city building at Third and Main Street). Charles Trupp was appointed first Fire Chief. The council required that "All enrolled members of the department must be sober and industrious men, and have an interest in the village."

Tipp City Emergency Medical Services was organized in April of 1975. Chief Lowell Hampton served as the first EMS Chief along with two ambulances and a twenty member all male and volunteer roster. Frings & Bayliff Funeral Home housed the first ambulance service for the community prior to 1975. The first part-time employee was hired in 1999 and the last purely volunteer responder retired in 2020.

The city's emergency services continued to operate as two separate and distinct departments until March of 2019. The city made a decision to hire a Chief of Emergency Services. A plan that had been discussed by the Fire & EMS Chiefs beginning in 2015. EMS has witnessed the incident count rise from 1,315 in 2010 to 2,086 in 2019. Fire incidents have remained more consistent over the same time period and in the

range of 302 to 401 per year. EMS incidents account for nearly 80% of the total call volume for the department.

The Department of Fire & Emergency Services provided service for 2,017 incidents in 2020. This represents a slight decrease from 2019 primarily due to the pandemic. The fires did not result in any loss of life or injury. The total fire loss for 2020 is \$1,000,550.00. \$800,000 is attributed to machinery lost at a fire at BR Mulch.

This report will attempt to encapsulate the activities and operations of all divisions within the department over the past 12 months.

The Administration Division is responsible for management of all fiscal, human, and physical resources as well as the overall operation of the 24/7 organization.

The Operations Division is responsible for the day-to-day delivery of emergency services including fire suppression, emergency medical service calls, hazardous materials mitigation, technical rescue including auto extrication and swift water.

The Prevention Division is responsible for all facets of the city's education and Fire Prevention program. This program includes an aggressive inspection program, fire safety education, fire investigations, juvenile fire setters program, and plans review.



Mission

The mission of the Tipp City Fire & EMS Department is to provide the highest quality emergency services to all who call upon us for help and to promote good will in our community.

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2020 Highlights



Tipp City conducted a promotional test and promoted multiple personnel. Heidi Jones, Megan Holfinger, Donald Chaney, Doug Trent, David Stockler and Kenneth Rust obtained certification as Fire Officer 1 & 2 by the NFPA Standard 1021.

In May 2020 Megan Holfinger and Donald Chaney were named EMS and Fire Provider of the Year for 2019. Congratulations on earning this peer-nominated award.



Personnel

as of 12-31-2020

TCFES is a combination department utilizing full-time, part-time and volunteer personnel. TCFES expects to remain a combination department into the near future. Dr. Brandon Amburgey is our Medical Director.

Single Certifications: either and EMT or Firefighter

Margaret Armitage-Paramedic, Heather Barth-Basic, Todd Burkett-Basic, Crystal Buteau-Paramedic, Meagan Leibold-Basic, Melissa Oostveen-Advanced & Justin Parrett-Basic

Blake Ballard-FF1, JP Dehus-FF, Nick Hoover-FF1, James Hunt-FF1, Daniel Quinn-FF1, & Josh Ringo-FF1

Dual Certifications: both an EMT and a Firefighter

Chris Brock-FF/P, Christian Brumbaugh-FF/B, Andrew Forino-FF/B, Ian Geer-FF/P, Allison Hempy-FF/B, Brooke Hilling-FF/B, Ryan Hope-FF/P, Shane Keechle-FF/B, Arianna Kinner-FF/P, Kris Long-FF/P, John McDonagh-FF/P, Kevin Moore-FF/P, Emma Pascale-FF/B, Keagen Putnam-FF/B, Clayton Robbins-FF/B, Kenneth Rust-FF/A, Clayton Snider-FF/B, Sarah Trubee-FF/B, Laura Walker-FF/P, Michael Wesner-FF/B, Austin White-FF/B, Blake Williams-FF/B, & Nick Woolever-FF/P

Officers:

Donnie Chaney-FF/B, Mike Bowman-FF/P, Megan Holfinger-FF/P, Mike Honeyman-P, Heidi Jones-P, & Doug Trent-FF/P

Administration: David Stockler, Assistant Chief & Cameron Haller, Chief

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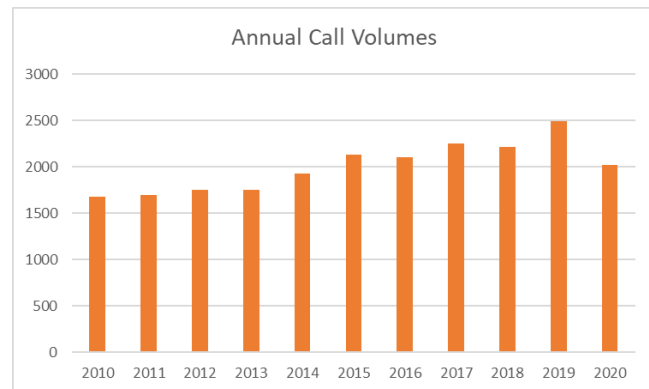
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Operations

The Operations Division is responsible for the day-to-day delivery of emergency services including fire suppression, emergency medical service calls, hazardous materials mitigation, and technical rescue including auto extrication, confined space, and swift water. The Operations Division also maintains the department fleet and is involved in outreach events throughout the community. The operations division has volunteer shifts that are assigned to respond to fire emergencies from home. The volunteers are critical to obtain adequate staffing levels on incidents.

Total Calls for Service

The department responded to a total of 2,017 calls in 2020 which is a 19% decrease from the 2019 total of 2,487. Calls for service include emergency medical service calls (ambulance), fire calls, rescue calls, and other miscellaneous calls.



Vision The renowned leader in emergency services.

Philosophy Tipp City Fire & EMS exists to serve our neighbors. We serve our neighbors utilizing shared values and goals. We will be nice, stay safe, and solve problems.

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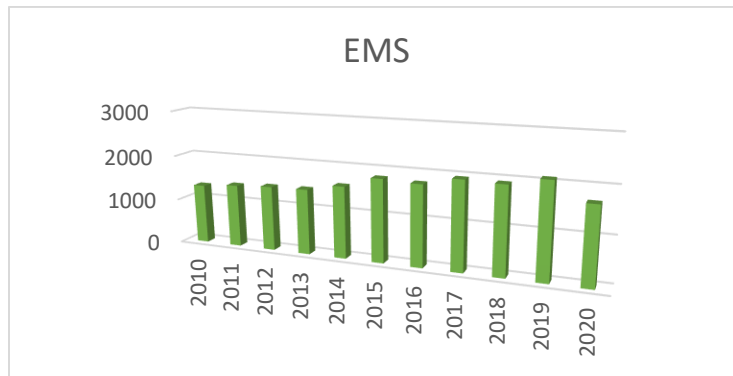
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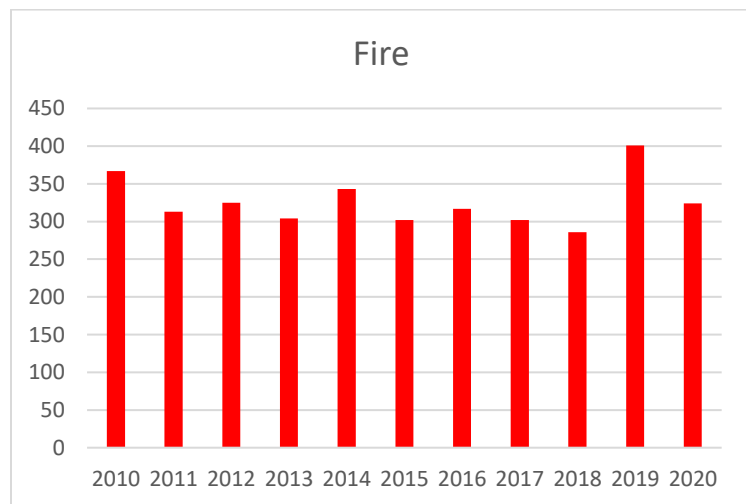
EMS Calls for Service



The department provides basics and advanced life support (depending on staffing) and transport services in our emergency medical service system. In 2020, the department responded to 1,693 calls which is almost a 19% decrease from the previous year (COVID). Of the 1,693 calls, 1,207 were in the city, 453 were in the Monroe Township, and 33 mutual aid calls. In 2020, EMS calls accounted for 84% of the department's total emergency responses.

Fire Calls for Service

The number of fire calls decreased almost 19% during 2020. There were 324 fire calls compared to 401 the previous year. In the city, there were 48 actual calls for fire, 41 calls for hazardous conditions, 14 service calls, 63 good intent calls, 63 false alarms, and 1 special incidents types. In the contracted township areas, there were 95 fire responses compared to 100 in 2020. There were 46 mutual aid runs compared to approximately 37 last year.



Fire Loss

The total fire loss for 2020 was \$1,000,550, which is up 25% from last year's total of \$751,000. One "significant loss" fire occurred during the year: BR Mulch lost three pieces of equipment in one fire on Christmas Eve. The BR Mulch loss accounts for 79.96% of the total fire loss in 2020. Three building fires accounted for 10.98% or \$109,850 of our total loss.

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Apparatus & Responses

The department maintains the following fleet of apparatus and equipment: 2 Engines (pumpers) front line; 1 Rescue -used for technical rescue; 1 Platform Ladder (100'); 3 Ambulances equipped as Advanced Life Support Units, operated as Basic Life Support units in the absence of paramedics on-duty; 1 tanker/engine; 1 tanker with pump; 1 grass truck; 2 UTV Gators; 4 staff cars (Chief, Assistant Chief, First Responder, and Station Vehicle); 2 boats and motors with trailers and a Mobile Fire Safety Education Center.

TCFES maintains two parade pieces a 1935 Mack fire pumper and a 1963 ambulance (station wagon).

| | 2018 | 2019 (fire last 7 months) | 2020 |
|-----------|------|---------------------------|------|
| Engine 7 | N/A | 68 | 122 |
| Engine 4 | N/A | 47 | 68 |
| Ladder 2 | N/A | 7 | 17 |
| Rescue 5 | N/A | 10 | 27 |
| Tanker 9 | N/A | 7 | 11 |
| Tanker 12 | N/A | 12 | 19 |
| Grass 6 | N/A | 10 | 16 |
| Medic 1 | N/A | 1670 | 1409 |
| Medic 2 | N/A | 300 | 196 |
| Medic 3 | N/A | 25 | 16 |

The boats were deployed twice in 2020 and the gators were used on 7 incidents. The ambulances (medics) are rotated on a regular schedule to distribute the workload.

Values: to work and live by

- Love - The openness to be vulnerable in the ability to assist others with compassion in their greatest hour of need.
- Duty - The honor of understanding the commitment we have made to our fellow brothers and sisters.
- Integrity - The internal fortitude to constantly without fail place the "right thing to do in perspective." We will be honest, forthright, and loyal in our daily communications and activities.
- Excellence - Continuous improvement in service delivery and self.
- Professionalism - The ability to perform at our peak performance utilizing our honed knowledge, skill, and abilities.
- Respect - We will embrace diversity and recognize individual worth.
- Trust - Reliance on integrity, strength, and ability of our members.

Goals: general goals on a daily basis

- Maintain a constant state of readiness
- Embrace the concept of life-long learning
- Do our job and do it with excellence
- Treat people right
- Have an all-in attitude
- Give all-out effort
- Move with a purpose

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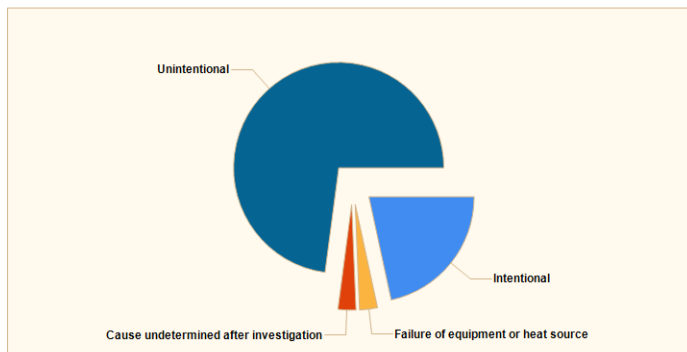
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Fire Prevention – Community Risk Reduction (CRR)

The CRR was very busy in 2020 with inspections. Fire investigations and educational programs were subdued do to the pandemic. One of the major initiatives of the Fire Prevention Division is an aggressive inspection program. The program consists of inspections of mercantile, manufacturing, public assembly, and other occupancies within the city and township. The on-site inspection is designed to make our local businesses aware of unsafe practices in the workplace that can lead to a fire or other type of incident that may cause injury/death to our citizens and their employees, damage to the property or lost income/production. The Division conducted 275 inspections in 2020. The OFCA study was supplemented greatly by AC Stockler. On-site inspections were stopped in March, April, and May by the COVID pandemic.

The Division had a weak year regarding fire safety education, because of the global pandemic. One of the primary goals in fire safety education is to provide a comprehensive program for people of all ages, with a special emphasis on young children. In 2020, 193 children were educated in fire safety. The Fire Safety Trailer was not utilized as part of the program to teach children how to react in case of a fire using real life “hands on” training and simulation applications.

| | Inspections | Investigations | Outreach |
|------|-------------|----------------|----------|
| 2020 | 275 | 2 | 193 |
| 2019 | 226 | 3 | 2478 |
| 2018 | 221 | 1 | 2730 |



| CAUSE OF IGNITION | # INCIDENTS | % of TOTAL |
|--|-------------|------------|
| Intentional | 8 | 20.5% |
| Failure of equipment or heat source | 1 | 2.6% |
| Cause undetermined after investigation | 1 | 2.6% |
| Unintentional | 27 | 69.2% |



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TCFES personnel would like to point out that a key element to fire safety is to sleep with your bedroom door in the CLOSED and latched position. Smoke from an unfriendly fire is the by-product of fire that is the most deadly. A CLOSED door will stop or slow the movement of smoke in your home. The closed door provides time for an individual to become alert in clean air and make decisions accordingly. For more information on the importance to “**CLOSE BEFORE YOU DOZE**”, please visit <https://closeyourdoor.org/>



As a reminder to area citizens, the American Red Cross has a smoke detector installation program. For more information, please call the American Red Cross at 937-332-1414.

Fire Injuries or Deaths

In 2020, there were zero civilian injuries or death. We experienced zero firefighter injuries during the year. TCFES had 13 COVID cases, 12 quarantines, and multiple excused absences do to illness and the pandemic.

Pandemic related city policies, protocols and department directives were put into practice. These included daily wellness checks at the beginning of each shift. PPE became a prized commodity and respirator qualitative testing was mandatory.

Facilities

The Department serves the community from two sites. Station #1 is located at 520 West Main Street and houses all administrative offices. The other site is Central Station, located at 3 East Main Street which was opened in 1956. Central Station houses our parade pieces and boats. The Central Station is not staffed.

The City has previously studied a Comprehensive Plan. That plan included a second station study that may be implemented in the future in order to better serve our community with improved response times throughout the City.

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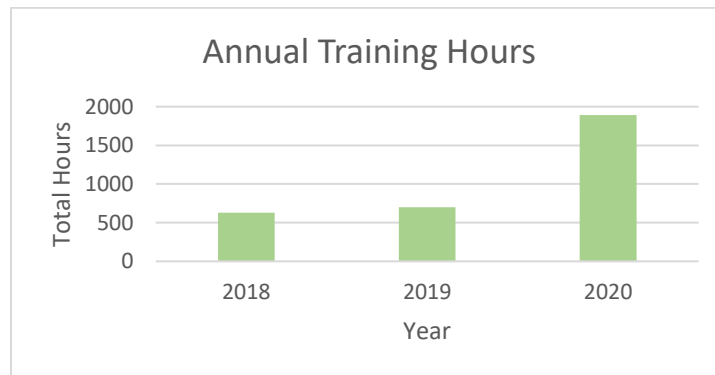
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Training

Training, as part of the Operations Division, is responsible for the training of all personnel to maintain proficiency of skills and professionalism in the performance of the skills. Training is categorized into the following categories: Emergency Medical Services (EMS), Fire, Technical Rescue, Hazardous Materials and Professional development. Our training is a group effort and task on an annual basis.

In EMS, training is conducted in close coordination with our local health care networks, Fire Rescue 1 Academy (online), regional agencies, and Greater Miami Valley EMS Council (GMVEMSC).



With over 1,890 total man-hours, personnel participated in medical training with specific classes in; Cardiac, Geriatric and Pediatric Protocol, Trauma, 12-Lead EKG, Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS), and other EMS courses. In person classes, typical in years past, were all suspended or canceled.

Fire training includes: pump operations, SCBA and fire ground tactics. Technical rescue training areas including ice rescue, river rescue, swift water, trench rescue, rope rescue, vehicle/machinery rescue, hazmat operations, grain bin extrication and confined space. Personnel attended classes outside the department for Hazmat IQ. TRT – Collapse/Auto Extrication/Vehicle & Machinery Rescue Ops/Confined Space/Trench, Fireworks Education, Ohio Fire Code Update, Arson Investigators, Stroke, Midwestern Ohio Arson Seminar, Active Shooter, EMS, and Firefighter Cancer Prevention & Mental Health Classes.

The department continues to provide car seats, AHA CPR/AED, and First Aid Training to other city departments, citizens and businesses.



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Summary

TCFES is a department in transition. The troops are to be commended for their steadfast resolve to serve the citizens of Tipp City and Monroe Township, Miami County, OH. They are also recognized for the contributions made on a daily basis. Many committees and team projects have been completed in 2020. The purchase of Rescue 5 is a great example of what teamwork and effort can produce. It should not overshadow the importance and necessity of people to operate at the highest most effective level possible.

Managing and leading TCFES through a global pandemic has been rewarding and challenging. It would not have been possible without the dedicated men and women of our department.

Multiple goals were met this year. The goals were all completed with assistance from the City Manager, City Staff, Council and the staff at TCFES. The completion of the goals and associated tasks have assisted the department tremendously. The implementation of dual-certified cross staffing and the full implementation of a software based department policy manual have already proven useful to our operations. The process of promotions of first level officers and a company officer development program, completed in December, will be productive for years to come. Medical physicals were implemented for all troops with great success. The Ohio Fire Chiefs Organizational (OFCA) Evaluation and Staffing Analysis was completed and delivered.

Looking forward to 2021 is exciting and hopeful for Tipp City and the department.

Projects, tasks or goals for 2021:

- Receive, understand and begin implementation of the OFCA study suggestions.
- Implement dispatching, station numbering, and NFIRS reporting strategies from MCCC and internally.
- Implement a vision, funding opportunities and strategic planning with city and township elected officials and stakeholders in respect to Tipp City Fire and Emergency Services.

We are only as strong as our weakest link. Therefore, we shall move forward together to serve the citizens of our community. It is a true pleasure to serve all citizens within our purview. We look forward to better serve one and all in 2021. Thank you for your continued support. Please practice fire and home safety on a regular basis.

Cameron Haller
Chief of Emergency Services

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